

I strongly support XM Satellite Radio's ability to provide Instant Traffic and Weather. I subscribed to XM initially because of the lack of quality programming available on broadcast radio: Too many commercials, a lack of variety in their music, news coverage that lack depth. and a lack of quality traffic and weather reporting when I listen. I purchased two satellite radio packages for my vehicles and one for my house, and pay for three subscriptions to XM, not because I like to spend money on satellite radio, but because commercial radio does not meet my needs.

I find it incredulous that the National Association of Broadcasters is attempting to limit the ability of XM and other providers in meeting my needs when broadcast radio has become less in tune with my needs over recent years.

In a country that promotes free enterprise and trade, I'm flabbergasted that broadcast radio's lobbyists are trying to restrict my ability to pay for the satellite radio content that I find useful and valuable.

I live in the desert southwest and drive over 35,000 miles per year. Satellite radio is a godsend for entertainment and information in many locations where broadcast radio does not reach. Satellite radio weather and traffic reports provide an extra measure of safety to me in that I am able to avoid and bypass accident situations. I am able to tune in to traffic and weather in every large city instantly and learn of the hazards without fumbling through the radio dial and attempting to find a station that provides traffic and weather information between commercials, endless talk, and other drivel that does nothing for me except waste my time.

Instead of attempting to restrict the growth of satellite radio through needless and costly legislation, the broadcast industry needs to evolve into a dynamic and responsive entity that competes with satellite radio.

All I see is a broadcast industry lobby that is attempting to force satellite radio into the mediocrity that is pervasive on the broadcast airwaves.

Sincerely,

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